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Learning Update September 20, 2023

- **School Board Meeting-** October 2, 2023 at 6 pm
Meeting to be held at the SAU Office-16 School Street Greenville, NH.
 - Live Stream: [Here](#)
 - To Phone in: (US) +1 402-809-1143 PIN: 389 129 660#
- **Job Openings-** We have open positions in our district for those wishing to join our teaching team. Applicants can apply at the links below.
 - [Elementary Principal](#)
 - [HHES Tutor](#)
 - [Special Education Case Managers](#)
 - [Lunch Monitors](#)
 - [Paraprofessionals](#)
 - [Part-Time Grounds Maintenance](#)
- **HHES Principal Search Community Meeting** - Join us on September 28th to meet principal candidates. Families can join us at 6:00 in the cafeteria at Highbridge Hill.
- **Mascenic Regional High School Winter Coaches-**
 - MRHS- JV Boys Basketball Coach, please email mrhsad@mascenic.org if interested.
 - BMS- Boys Basketball Coach, please email bms-athletics@mascenic.org if interested.
- **HHES Running Club-** will start September 26. Permission slips went home and are due by this Friday. This is a great opportunity to get some exercise and start to develop an awareness of the role exercise plays in our lives.
- **HEEP** - the HHES after-school program will be starting its fall session in October. Check your child's communication folder today for information. We are always looking for volunteers to host an after-school club. Call Linda Guruge at Highbridge for information about running a club.
- **HHES PTA-** is always looking for members. Contact the HHES office for more information
- **Illness-** A reminder to stay home when you are sick. Back to school season is quickly followed by cold and flu season. Our nurses have reminded us that we need to be free of fever for 24 hours (without support from medications) with

improving symptoms before returning to school. Please reach out to our nurses with individual questions.

- **The River Center** - The River Center in Peterborough, NH offers a number of engaging activities for children as well as support for families. Please click [HERE](#) to view the Fall 2023 Program Flyer.

- Upcoming events:

- Messy Mondays will begin the third Monday of each month beginning in October. Children can explore a variety of creative activities. Details are at the link above.
- Tabletop gaming for middle schoolers will begin weekly this fall. Reach out to the River Center for more information.

Take a look at their website [HERE](#) for more information!


- **School Meal Prices** - Please find the Fresh Picks Cafe Parent Welcome Letter [HERE](#). We encourage families to apply for the reduced or free meal program at the link below or by asking your school for a paper application. Click [HERE](#) to see information on meal prices as well as how to download the mobile application to manage your student's lunch account and see the weekly menu. Apply online at <https://www.mymealtime.com/Apps/SignIn.aspx>

A few other notes about meals:

- No matter what, we will never deny a student their first reimbursable meal (no a la carte, no seconds). This goes for breakfast and lunch.
- Students with negative meal balances will no longer be able to purchase a la carte items. However, a traditional meal will be provided.
- If no money is given for paid meals or the account has no available funds, student accounts will go into debt (negative balance). This does not apply to free meals.
- All students, regardless of payment status, will stop at the register. Free meals will be charged \$0.00.

- **Paraprofessional Licensure-** Are you or someone you know looking to get Paraprofessional II licensure? NHTI-Concord's Community College is offering an 8-week online portfolio course from Oct. 23 to Dec. 16. Interested parties can apply [here](#) or call NHED's Cynthia Lucero at 603-271-6484 for more information.
- **College Guidance Network** - The New Hampshire Department of Education has created a support network for families of students looking into post-secondary schooling. Resources and information can be found here: [College Guidance Network](#)
- **Lunch Monitors-** Highbridge Hill Elementary School is looking for Lunch Monitors. If you are interested in spending time with some really amazing kids

for a short period of time each day, please consider joining our team. We would greatly appreciate your support!

-  **Mascenic Mobile App** - We want to remind everyone that we have a mobile app that allows you instant access to school and district news. If you have not had a chance to download the app, please visit the [Google Play Store](#) (Android devices) or the [App Store](#) (Apple devices) to get it. If you enable push notifications you will be alerted when there is a new newsworthy event.
 - **Substitutes Needed**- The link to apply is here: <https://www.schoolspring.com/> search for the job by using ID number - 4297282..
If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please visit the website to apply!
<https://www.mascenic.org/page/employment-opportunities>
 - **Reminder to check the emails/messages from your child's school!**
You'll find information about drama club donations, athletics, music events, dances, school events, etc!
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HIGHLIGHTS FROM PREVIOUS MESSAGING

- **St. Paul's Advanced Studies Program.** Since 1958, talented and engaged students from around New Hampshire have come together for the Advanced Studies Program (ASP) at St. Paul's School in Concord, NH. It is a unique, immersive, and transformative program, that is equal parts academic, exploration, college preparation, and summer fun. **On Wednesday, October 26, 12 students met with the Director of St. Paul's Advanced Studies Program.** Any students interested in this summer program may stop by the Mascenic Counseling Center for more information. There is an application process and financial aid is available.
- [Here](#) is a link to student-driven, developed, and curated writing at MRHS. Students have written these pieces as part of a Viking Block or as part of a class and submit them to be published on their website. We are sharing the link with you because we are proud of the work they have done to promote their own writing!
- **The New Hampshire Education Department** is excited to announce the launch of the NH SAS **Family Portal**, a secure website that will allow families access to student assessment results, interpretive guides, and more. A recording of last week's webinar can be found here:

<https://nh.portal.cambiumast.com/resources/training-materials/family-portal-webinar-recording>.

- **New Covenant Church Food Pantry: FYI** - The food pantry at New Covenant Church in Greenville has expanded significantly due to its new partnership with the New Hampshire Food Bank. They still have the flexibility to serve anyone who walks in the door without requesting family information. They simply ask for the number of people in the household. But they now have a much greater quantity and variety of food. It's currently operating on Tuesdays from 12 to 2, but that time frame may expand as well.
- **Important Message from our School Nursing Team:** Please do not send students to school with any symptoms of illness and to be sure to report illness, COVID-19 exposures, positive cases, and travel to the school nurse. For any questions, our School Nursing Team can be reached at:

HHES: Ms. Kristy Zina 878-4387 ext. 2012

BMS: Ms. Lindsay Heaphy 878-4800 ext. 3005

MRHS: Ms. Abigail Nichols 878-1113 ext. 4005
- **New Hampshire Rapid Response Access Point-** NH DHHS has created a hotline that provides 24/7 access to mental health and/or substance use crisis support via telephone, text, and chat services. If you or someone else is in need of support, dial **833-710-6477**. More information can be found at:
<https://www.nh988.com/>
- **Covid-19 Absences-** If your child is absent from school due to COVID-19 quarantine, please know that these absences are excused.
- **Seeking Bus Drivers!** Community Transportation is seeking part-time Bus Drivers. Excellent opportunity for parents and grandparents! A clean driving record and a good attitude are a must, training is provided. Please call Community Transportation at 603-532-4079 or email them at commtran@gmail.com to apply or for more information.
- **Mental Health and Social Media-** Below you'll find some links that you might find useful when talking to your teen about social media.
 - <https://childmind.org/topics/screen-time-technology/>
 - <https://childmind.org/article/when-are-kids-ready-for-social-media/>
 - <https://www.forthhealth.com/sessions/socialmedia>
- **New Hampshire Loves Reading-** Please click [HERE](#) to view the NH Loves Reading page which includes helpful information and literacy resources.
- **Substance Misuse Campaign-** "No Safe Experience" is a New Hampshire-based, statewide campaign that focuses on awareness by educating

youth, young adults, and families of the dangers and prevalence of fentanyl in fake pills and illicit drugs. Please use this [LINK](#) to learn more about the campaign.

- **Substitute Teacher Application Information:** If you are interested in substitute teaching, we have placed a copy of our application in our Parent Resource section on our website that you may print out and complete (*please scroll down through the documents in the Parent Resource section to see “MRSD Employment Application”*). If you would like to pick up a paper copy, please call Joslyn LaPonsie at the SAU office at 603- 291-2008. Once you have completed your application, you may scan it and email it to Joslyn LaPonsie jlaponsie@mascenic.org or drop it by the SAU office at 16 School Street, Greenville. Once we have your completed application, we will call to set up an interview with you.
- Our process for being hired as a substitute teacher in our district consists of the following:
 - Completed employment application
 - Interviewing with one of our administrators
 - Reference checks conducted
 - Once you have been approved to substitute, we will then have you complete the following:
 - Criminal Background Check
 - Completion of W-4 Employee Withholding Certificate, I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification form
 - Direct Deposit Form
 - Substitute availability form

Please call Joslyn LaPonsie at 603-291-2008 with any questions.